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OF

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

JONAS PRESTON, M. D. dec'd.

JANE PRESTON, *Executrix*,
JOHN R. THOMAS & } *Executors.*
ELI K. PRICE,

Proven before JOHN GEST, Register,

April 8, A. D. 1836.

PHILADELPHIA.

1836.



Be it remembered, That I Jonas Preston of the City of Philada. physician, do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say ; First, I will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be fully paid & satisfied.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Preston all my household & kitchen furniture and all other articles and things purchased & provided by me for family use & all my wearing apparel including my gold watch, also all my Five pr. ct. loan in the Schuylkill navigation Company, with the Interest that may be due or have accrued at the time of my demise.

Item, I give and devise to my beloved wife her heirs and assigns forever the messuage no. 250 on mulberry street in which I now reside & the lot or piece of ground thereunto belonging with the appurtenances ; I also give devise and bequeath unto my wife all my land & real estate in the township of newtown in the county of Delaware together with the rents issues and profits thereof for and during the term of her natural life and at her decease, I give and devise to my nephew Dr. George Thomas of westwhiteland township Chester County and to his heirs and assigns forever, all that Farm or part of the said lands now occupied by Rees Hoops including the ground and tenement on crum creek now rented to Joseph Watson being the part devised to me by my late Mother-in-law Mary Reece.—

Item, I give and devise to my relative Samuel Caley of Newtown aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns all that farm or other part of the said lands now occupied by Mary Davis including the small meadow lot & springhouse rented to Thomas Lewis being that part of said lands conveyed to me by my late Mother-in-law Mary Reece by deed dated the 29th of June 1804 recorded in deed book G. p. 175 subject nevertheless to the payment of an annual rent charge forever hereafter of two hundred dollars, which I devise in trust to Elijah Brooke, Henry Pratt, Samuel Bartram and Randall Pratt the trustees (now holding the titles to the grave yard meeting house school house tenement & ground appurtenant to the Use of newtown preparatory meeting of friends) and to the survivors & survivor of them and their successors lawfully appointed by the

said meeting from time to time and to be by them recovered as rent charges with clause of distress are by law recoverable, the said two hundred Dollars to be by them annually applied to the support of the school and schoolhouse belonging to the said preparative meeting of friends & for schooling two or more poor children at said school as shall be directed by the said meeting—The several foregoing bequests to my wife are given in lieu of her dower in my Estate—

Item, I give and bequeath to Dr. George Thomas my library—minerals & fowling piece, and to the said Samuel Caley I give my folio bible in two Vols. called Purvers bible which was the property of his late uncle William Reece.—

Item, I give and devise to my nephew William Lea his heirs & assigns my two story stone house, tenements stables coachhouse & lots of ground thereunto belonging with the Orchards gardens & appurtenances including all my real Estate situate in the Village of Brandywine near Wilmington in the state of Delaware. I also give & devise to the said William Lea his heirs and assigns my three story brick house no. 11. situate on Sansom street between 7th & 8th streets in the city of Philada. & the lot or piece of ground thereunto belonging with the appurtenances—

Item, I give and devise to the sole and separate use of my niece Catharine Hinckson wife of George Hinckson & to her heirs and assigns all that my five hundred acre tract of donation land being lot no. 75. in the second district situate near the town of Newcastle in mercer county in the State of Pennsyla. whereon she now resides with her husband and family—

Item, I give devise and bequeath to Joel C. Baily, Hannah Marshall wife of Thomas B. Marshall, Eliza Baily, Margaret Harlan wife of — Harlan & Caroline Baily children of my friend the late Dr. Abraham Baily of Chester County share and share alike & to their respective heirs & assigns all my right title & interest in and to the real Estate lately belonging to the company for erecting a bridge over the Susquehanna near McCall's ferry Also all my claims & demands against their late father & against the said Company & all my shares of stock therein in equal portions.

Item, I give & devise to my niece Mary Hoskins of Radnor, my three story brick house on the west side of the Ridge Road between Wood and Callowhill street in spring garden district with the lot of ground thereunto belonging with the appurtenances & to her heirs and assigns.

Item, I give devise and bequeath to Abigail Evans my three story brick house in Wood street between 9th & 10th streets in the district of spring garden with the lot of ground thereunto belonging for and during the term of her natural life and the remainder to pass into the residue of my Estate & become a part thereof & to be applied to such uses as herein after directed by the residuary clause of this my last will and Testament.

Item, I give devise and bequeath unto Benjamin Coombe junr. of Pottsville all my undivided right interest and Estate in lands in Schuylkill County situate on the Mohanoy Creek adjoining land of Stephen Girard & others subject to the payment of his three several notes of hand which I hold—

Item, I give and bequeath to my several neices respectively as follow viz. Ann Coombe wife of Benjamin Coombe—Edith Edge—Jemima Gyger wife of Jacob Gyger—Jane Richardson, Ruth Croasdale—Martha Chapman wife of Seth Chapman Esqr.—to each the sum of Five hundred Dollars—

Item, I give and bequeath to my neices Mary Engle and Catharine Robinson wife of Thomas Robinson to each respectively Forty eight shares of stock in the bank of Delaware County to be transfered by either of my Executors. And to my nephews Joseph Pusey—Lea Pusey—Jonas Pusey—Jacob Pusey—Joseph Lea—John L. Corbit—Preston Eyre—Isaac Eyre and Jonas P. Fairlamb each I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars—

Item, I give and bequeath to my sisters-in-law Phebe Thomas—Lydia Thomas—Elizabeth Thomas and Anna Thomas & to my wards Jane Thomas & Mary Thomas to each I give three shares of stock in the West Chester Rail Road Company & to Sarah R. Thomas two shares of the said stock making in all twenty shares—

Item, I give and bequeath to Dr. John Moore the sum of One thousand Dollars in consideration of his kindness to me in sickness.

Item, I give and bequeath to the apprentices Library one thousand dollars—and to the indigent widows & single womens society, the sum of one thousand dollars—

Item, I give and bequeath to the “ Pennsylvania society for promoting the abolition of slavery & for the relief of free negro’s unlawfully held in bondage & for improving the condition of the african race” the sum of One thousand dollars to be invested by order of the said society and the annual income thereof applied in the support of the Clarkson schools under its direction.

Item, It has long been my opinion that there ought to be a Lying-in-Hospital in the City of Philada. for indigent married women of good character distinct and unconnected with any other Hospital, where they may be received and provided with proper obstetric aid for their delivery & with suitable attendance and comforts during the period of weakness & susceptibility which ensues, continuing ordinarily about four weeks; I have no doubt that there is often much suffering and loss of life in such cases from the effects of ignorance and destitution—and I think an establishment for affording the required assistance well deserves a place among the numerous charities which attest the Christian Philanthropy that characterises Philada.—Under this conviction & to contribute what may be in my power to supply the want with a firm belief that our blessed Lord will cause the work to prosper so that the needy shall not always be forgotten nor the expectation of the poor perish forever—I do hereby give devise and bequeath all the rest residue & remainder of my Estate Real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever (excepting my silver Vase presented to me by the stock-holders of the schuylkill navigation company) to my executors hereinafter named to have and to hold to them their heirs executors & administrators in trust for the following uses & purposes, that is to say, That they the said executors & the survivor of them & the heirs executors & administrators of such survivor shall receive the income of the real estate and the said income as received shall hold & dispose of as follows—that is to say, the same shall be invested & the income of the personal shall also be invested from time to time so as to accumulate untill a Lying-in Hospital shall be established & incorporated upon a plan embracing the outline contained in a paper marked A. and signed with my name in such manner as to give assurance of its permanency & respectability and then & immediately thereafter to convey assign and transfer the whole of the said estate both Real and personal to such corporation absolutely and in fee simple for the purpose of erecting and maintaining the Lying-in Hospital, and to avoid all doubt or question, I hereby give to the Trustees or Trustee aforesaid for the time being a full discretion as to investments not limiting them to stocks or securities which by Law or by Practice are deemed the proper ones, but leaving them to judge which are most like to prove advantageous, without any responsibility for loss.

Item, I do hereby will bequeath and direct that my executors do hand over to the managers of the said corporation when established my large silver Vase aforesaid to be safely kept in

the building occupied for a Hospital as a memorial of the liberality of the said stock holders and as an evidence of the taste and skill of the artist

And lastly I do hereby appoint my brother-in-law John R. Thomas & my friend Eli K. Price Esqr. my executors & Trustees.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of the fifth month in the year One thousand eight hundred and thirty five. 1835.

JONAS PRESTON *****
 * L. S. *

Witnesses subscribed

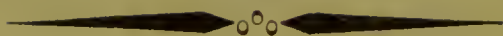
by request of the testator,

JOHN G. HOSKINS,
 THOS FIRTH.

Philadelphia, April 8th, 1836. Then personally appeared John G. Hoskins & Thomas Firth, the Witnesses to the foregoing will, & on their solemn affirmations did say that they were present and did see and hear Jonas Preston, Ab. D. deceased, the testator therein named, sign, seal, publish and declare the same, as and for his last Will and Testament, and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind, memory, and Understanding, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Coram,

JOHN GEST, Register.



Be it remembered, That I Jonas Preston of the City of Philadelphia, Physician, do hereby make and publish this as a Codicil to my will bearing date the 12th: day of the Fifth month Eighteen hundred and thirty five, witnessed by my friends John G. Hoskins and Thomas Firth, which will and testament I do hereby republish and confirm. Having inadvertently omitted the name of my beloved wife as an Executor of my said last will and Testament; I do hereby nominate and appoint her my said wife Jane Preston an Executrix and Trustee under my said will and testament as if named therein with my brother-in-law John R. Thomas and my friend Eli K. Price. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th. day of the Third Month Eighteen hundred and thirty six.

JONAS PRESTON 

Signed, published and declared as and for a Codicil and republication of his last will and testament by Jonas Preston, M. D. in our presence, who in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands the day of the date last aforesaid.

CLAUDIUS HARPER,
THOS. FIRTH.

Philadelphia, April 8th, 1836, Then personally appeared Claudius Harper & Thos. Firth the witnesses to the foregoing Codicil & republication, and the former on his Oath, and the latter on his solemn affirmation did say, that they were present and did see and hear Jonas Preston, M. D. deceased, the Testator therein named, sign, seal, publish and declare the same, as and for, a Codicil to, and Republication of, his last will and Testament, and that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Coram,

JOHN GEST, Register.

Paper--A.*Outline of a plan for a Lying-in-Hospital.*

1. The management of the Hospital shall be committed to managers to be chosen annually by the contributors aided by a committee of respectable married females to consist of not less than to be named by the managers.
2. The payment of Dollars shall annually constitute a contributor—And the payment of Dollars at one time shall constitute a contributor for life—
3. The managers shall appoint the needful Physicians officers & nurses & fix their compensation & at pleasure remove any of them having especial respect as well in appointments as in removals for the opinion and advice of the committee of females--
4. The Hospital shall be located at some suitable place within the following limits viz. Between the Rivers Delaware & Schuylkill and between Cedar street and Coates st: continued to Schuylkill.
5. The persons to be admitted shall be married females of good character and in indigent circumstances who are near the time of their confinement—they shall be received at such time as seems suitable & maintained in the house for such period as the state of their health may require but not in any case to exceed weeks after delivery & be provided with whatever their situation may require free of expense—None however shall be received but such as at the time of application shall be resident in the City or County of Philada. or County of Delaware & shall produce satisfactory testimonials of character.

5th mo. 12th, 1835.

JONAS PRESTON.

Philadelphia, April 8th, 1836. Then Personally appeared Thos. Firth, John G. Hoskins and Claudius Harper, and the two former on their solemn affirmations and the latter on his oath, did say, that they were well acquainted with Jonas Preston, M. D. deceased, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing writing marked A. (referred to in his foregoing will) in his life time, and are acquainted with his hand writing, having seen him write his name as well as other matters, that they have viewed his signature "JONAS PRESTON" subscribed to said writing marked A. and verily believe the same to be the proper hand writing and signature of him the said "Jonas Preston," to the best of their knowledge and belief.

THOMAS FIRTH,
JOHN G. HOSKINS,
CLAUDIUS HARPER.

Affirmed, sworn and subscribed before me the date above.

J. B. SEWELL, *Deputy Register.*

April 8, 1836. John R. Thomas and Eli K. Price, the two Executors affirmed, and April 19, 1836, Jane Preston, the Executrix, affirmed—And that they would diligently and faithfully regard and well and truly comply with the provisions of the law relating to COLLATERAL INHERITANCE. And letters Testamentary were granted unto them.

Coram,

JOHN GEST, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA } SS.

I JOHN GEST, Esq. Register for the probate of WILLS and granting letters of Administration in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby certify the foregoing writing to be true copies of the Last WILL and TESTAMENT of JONAS PRESTON, M. D. deceased, together with the Codicil thereto—and paper writing Marked A. referred to in his said last Will & Testament—And also of the Probate of said Will, Codicil and paper Writing marked A. as filed and Recorded in the Probate Office of the City and County of Philadelphia.

Given under my hand and Seal
of Office this *eight*
day of *5th* month
in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight
hundred and thirty. *1836.*

John Gest
Register.



